

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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**SUBJ:** Flight Inspection of Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) RNAV Instrument Flight Procedures (Order 8200.1C, Chapter 13)

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. The Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) tolerance for geostationary (GEO) satellites transmitting Wide Area Augmentation System(WAAS) GPS corrections is eliminated from the flight inspection/validation tolerances.
- **2. Audience.** The audience for this notice is the Air Traffic Technical Operations Eastern, Central, and Western Service Areas; Aviation System Standards Flight Inspection Operations Group offices and crewmembers; Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA); the 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Standards Flight; the U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama; the Flight Standards Flight Technologies and Procedures Division; and users of FAA Order 8200.1, USSFIM.
- **3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** Go to the Directives Management System (DMS) website: <a href="https://employees.faa.gov/tools\_resources/orders\_notices/">https://employees.faa.gov/tools\_resources/orders\_notices/</a> or the Aviations System Standards website: <a href="http://www.avn.faa.gov/index.asp?xml=fioo/notices">http://www.avn.faa.gov/index.asp?xml=fioo/notices</a>
- **4. Background.** RTCA DO-229x, Minimum Operations Performance Standards for Global Positioning System (GPS)/ WAAS Airborne Equipment addresses the WAAS avionics performance and satellite SNR. The avionics self-monitor the SNR to meet Technical Standard Order (TSO) C-145/ C-146 certification. Due to the RTCA DO-229x addressing airborne equipment performance, a flight inspection tolerance for WAAS GEO SNR is not required.
- **5. Guidance.** Please make the following pen and ink change to FAA Order 8200.1C, Chapter 13, Section 4, Paragraph 13.44, Tables 13-2 and 13-3: Delete Parameter/ Tolerance **SNR-W/** >30dB/Hz.

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The above guidance will be incorporated in the next change to FAA Order 8200.1C. For additional information, please contact Dan Burdette, Flight Inspection Policy, 405-954-6164.

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